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KOHL THRELKELD/HERALD

Leitchfield freshman Renee Pinkston walks the Hill every morning for exercise before her class. She has no set path and tries not to walk the same steps twice; she just makes sure that she walks. Pinkston has been fighting with being overweight for most of her life, and now she is trying to do something about it. Her workout plan includes eating smaller portions, walking as much as she can and never riding the shuttle.

A hike to health

Walking, eating breakfast can help students maintain a healthy weight

KATHARINE GREENE
Herald reporter

When Leitchfield freshman Renee Pinkston first stepped on the Hill, she weighed 254 pounds. The 5-foot-8-inch Pinkston said she has struggled with her weight for almost all of her life.

Pinkston, like many Americans, is obese. Her body mass index is about 13.7 percent over what her weight should be for her height.

She is not unique in her situation. About 31 percent of Americans suffer from obesity, according to the American Obesity Association. This number has risen from 23 percent in 1994.

This percentage includes college students. However, experts on diet, fitness and the obesity epidemic say that simple things can help college students maintain a healthy weight.

When Pinkston got to college, she wanted to stop being part of this obesity statistic. She wanted to make a lifestyle change, she said.

"One of the reasons I came to WKU was because of the Hill," she said. "I thought, 'wow, that could help me.'"

Pinkston now tries to eat smaller food portions and walk around campus more. She avoids the campus shuttle unless she is in an absolute hurry.

Pinkston has made walking part of her daily fitness routine.

Before, it took Pinkston 25 minutes to walk from Downing University Center to the Environmental Sciences and Technology Building, but now it takes her seven minutes.

She also walks up and down the halls of her dorm before she goes to bed.

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New surroundings make fasting hard for Muslim students

Some face misunderstanding, intolerance

CHRISTINA ALLEN
Herald reporter

Abdulrhman Alkhodiry stood in the kitchen of his apartment with a group of his friends, chopping garlic and making a dish with grape leaves and basmati rice.

The men laughed and called to one another in English and Arabic as each prepared his own dish for the Iftar. Iftar is the nightly breaking of the Ramadan fast.

"This will be my third experience," said Ibrahim

Alsulaiman, a friend of Alkhodiry, about making the grape-leaf dish.

Alkhodiry, an first-year international student from Saudi Arabia, said he and his friends take turns making dinner at each other's houses during Ramadan. It's a part of the holy month he looks forward to, although this year he is thousands of miles away from his family.

"I miss my family," he said, "But it's good because when I come home, it's like,

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ALEX SLITZ/HERALD

Ibrahim Alsulaiman, left, and Abdulrhman Alkhodiry share a laugh while preparing their Iftar dinner. During Ramadan, Iftar is the evening meal that breaks daily fasting.

“ I miss my family. But it's good because when I come home, it's like, I'm going to have a degree and be somebody important. ”

— Abdulrhman Alkhodiry
First year English as a second language international student

Senate to readdress plus/minus

Grading system passed the Senate last semester, 39-23

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

A University Senate committee will review the plus/minus issue and Provost Barbara Burch's objections to it and submit a revised policy.

The senate passed a resolution directing the Committee on Academic Quality to rework the policy and resolve Burch's issues with it.

The report is expected in December.

The policy, which would weigh a grade based on the addition of a plus or minus, passed through the Senate last semester by a 39-23 vote, the Herald previously reported.

The majority of faculty and the senate were in favor of the policy last year, said Assistant History Professor Andrew McMichael, chairman of the University Curriculum Committee.

"It's a more accurate reflection of students' grades," McMichael said. "Because it's a more accurate reflection, it raises Western's prestige."

Burch rejected the plus/minus policy last year, concerned that the system didn't apply pluses to A grades, it wasn't evenly embraced across campus and it hurt students more than it helped them.

Burch left the door open for the senate to reintroduce the policy if they addressed these issues.

"If I were going to change my vote, there would have to be more compelling evidence for a change," Burch said.

Assistant Economics Professor Brian Strow introduced the policy in 2003.

Plus/minus more accurately reflects students' learning and keeps them from slacking off at the end of a semester, Strow said.

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2DAY

BY THE NUMBERS

114

Highest temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit, on record for Kentucky. Recorded on July 28, 1930 in Greensburg.

581

Elevation, in feet, at which the highest temperature in the state was recorded.

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►NEWS BRIEFS

Firecrackers set off PFT fire alarm

The fire alarm in Pearce-Ford Tower went off Sunday night at 11:06 when somebody set off firecrackers on the 26th floor, said Dan Brown, assistant chief of the Bowling Green Fire Department.

Justin Hogue, a sophomore from Cincinnati who lives on the 26th floor, said he was trying to go to sleep when he heard the fireworks.

Hogue said there was no fire, just a lot of smoke.

Capt. Mike Dowell of campus police said there will be an investigation. If a suspect is arrested, that person could face as many as six months in jail and a fine.

String of south campus parking lot crimes worries police

A recent string of crimes reported in the south campus parking lot of the community college has campus police worried.

There were reports of shots fired Sept. 15 at the south campus rear parking lot.

Witnesses saw a large, older model Buick Electra four-door sedan speed out of the parking lot.

Officers found three 9mm shell casings at the scene, but found no damaged property.

Four days after the shooting, there was an attempted purse snatching in the south campus lot.

The assailant failed to steal the purse and fled in an unknown vehicle.

— Chris Byrne

WHAT'S

going on

SEPT. 25 - OCT. 1

SEPT. 25

Last day to file for change in residency for fee purposes for the 2007 fall semester

Concert: Will and Nate
Location: Java City
Time: noon

RevFest
Location: Guthrie Bell Tower
Time: 4 p.m. - midnight
Contact: Revolution 91.7, 745-5439

Campus Scouts meeting
Location: Tate Page Hall, Room 420
Time: 5 - 6 p.m.

Recital: Guest Guitarist Jack Pearson
Location: fine arts center Recital Hall
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Contact: John Martin 745-3751

Ken Davitian Lecture
Location: DUC Theater
Time: 7 p.m.
Contact: CAB 745-2459

Phi Sigma Pi Rush (through Sept. 27)
Location: DUC, Room 226
Time: 7 p.m.
Contact: Christine Downs 799-6326

Pike N Dales
Location: Van Meter Auditorium
Time: 7 p.m.
Contact: Pi Kappa Alpha 796-8555

SEPT. 26

Sigma Chi Beads and Coaches Day

8th Annual Dream Date Auction
Location: DUC Theater
Time: 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Contact: Jessica Rogers 792-5504

Concert: Adam Williams
Location: Java City
Time: noon

SEPT. 27

Sigma Chi Derby Days Pageant
Location: DUC Theater
Time: 7 p.m.
Proceeds benefitting Huntsman Cancer Institute

Ag Safety Day
Location: Ag Expo Center
Contact: Donita Lashley, donita.lashley@wku.edu

Archives Month with William Woys Weaver
Location: The Kentucky Building
Contact: University Libraries 745-4502

CHHS Resume & Cover Letter Review
Location: Academic Complex, first floor lobby
Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Contact: Trinity Edwards 745-5027

Cookin' in the Courtyard with William Woys Weaver
Location: Kentucky Library & Museum
Time: 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Contact: University Libraries 745-2592

Future Business Leaders of America
Location: DUC
Time: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Contact: Campus & Community Events 745-2497

KY Partnership Farm Safety Day Camp
Location: Ag Expo Center
Time: 9 a.m.
Contact: Donita Lashley 745-6379

SEPT. 28

An American Appetite: The Material Culture of Food with William Woys Weaver
Location: Kentucky Library & Museum
Time: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Contact: University Libraries 745-2592

Sigma Chi Events Day and Bottle Cap Drive
Location: Sigma Chi Fraternity house
Proceeds benefitting Huntsman Cancer Society

Poker Walk
Location: Preston Center
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Contact: Alissa Arnold 745-6531

SEPT. 29

Cornhole Showdown
Location: DUC South Lawn
Time: 9 a.m. to noon
Contact: Carry Allen, 745-5794

Driftwood Sculpture Workshop with Willie Rascoe
Location: Kuntucky Library & Museum
Time: 9 a.m. to noon
Contact: University Libraries, 745-2594

Ultimate Frisbee Tournament
Location: Hattie L. Preston Intramural Sports Center
Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Contact: Derek Hottell, 745-2331

Sigma Chi Derby Days Social Celebration
Time and Location TBA
Proceeds benefitting Huntsman Cancer Institute

SEPT. 30

Rafting the Ocoee River
Time: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Contact: Luke Bartlett, 745-6545

OCT. 1

Last day to apply for December 2007 graduation

Winter 2008 and Spring 2008 classes available online

Golf Scramble presented by Warren County Alumni
Location: Indian Hill Country Club
Time: 1 p.m.
Contact: Ginny Hensley, 745-4395

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REPORTS

- ◆ Megan Smith, Sunnyside-Gott Road, reported on Sept. 20 her purse, containing \$20, a Kentucky driver's permit and a social security card, stolen from the Downing University Center.
- ◆ A man, PFT, reported terroristic threatening.
- ◆ Sid Baker, facilities management, reported on Sept. 19 a Kenwood radio stolen from the carpenter's shop. The value of the theft was \$600.
- ◆ HRL reported on Sept. 19 keys stolen from the BSA closet door in Southwest Hall. The value of the theft was \$40.
- ◆ Michelle Borowick, Highland Way, reported on Sept. 19 her wallet, Kentucky driver's license, credit card, bank card and \$30 stolen while at DUC.
- ◆ Jeffrey McAdoo, facilities

management, reported on Sept. 19 criminal mischief when his 2006 Chevrolet Colorado in the Helm parking lot had two scratches on the driver's side door. The value of the damages was \$300.

ARRESTS

- ◆ James G. Goff, 319 Bellevue Ave., was arrested on Sept. 22 and charged with alcohol intoxication in a public place. He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day on time served.
- ◆ Tina M. Finn, Chattanooga, Tenn., was arrested on Sept. 22 and charged with speeding 12 miles over the limit and driving under the influence first offense. She was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.
- ◆Destin E. Skees, Jeffersonville, Ind., was arrest-

ed on Sept. 21 and charged with disregarding a traffic control device, operating on a suspended driver's license, driving under the influence first offense and possession of marijuana. He was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.

- ◆ Nikieta M. Lamar, Russellville, was arrested on Sept. 20 and charged with careless driving, failure to signal and driving under the influence first offense. She was released from Warren County jail the same day on a \$1,000 unsecured bond.
- ◆ Deger Poroy, Bates-Runner Hall, was arrested on Sept. 19 and charged with terroristic threatening in the second degree. He was released from Warren County jail on Sept. 21 on a \$5,000 security bond.

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ERIC BATEMAN/HERALD
Students cram into one of Western’s shuttles at Mass Media and Technology Hall to go up the Hill. Shuttles carried about 16,000 people during the first week of school this year.

Parking pushes transit over adding new lots

CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

Parking on campus might become easier, but not because of an increase in parking spots. It will be because of more shuttle services and a possible partnership with city transit. There’s no more room on campus to build or expand parking lots, said Jennifer Tougas, director of parking services. It’s also cheaper to expand transit options than to build lots, Tougas said. It costs about \$300,000 to buy and staff a new bus. Constructing a new parking lot can cost more than \$1 million. The parking services department is looking for new ways to get students on and off campus with shuttles because of the inability to build more lots. The shopping shuttle, or green line, currently takes students to other places in Bowling Green. Parking services officials

approached the city about partnering with GO BG Transit. They planned to have GO BG run the shopping shuttle, said Alonda Massey, transit services general manager. But the partnership didn’t go through because city buses can carry about half of what Western’s buses carry, and the number of people who use Western’s shuttles has more than doubled in the last year, she said. Last year, campus shuttles carried about 7,000 students during the first week of school. This year, they carried more than 16,000. Massey said they are looking for other ways to partner, but there are no plans yet. Public transit manager Gail

Wolgast said there might eventually be a full GO BG route on campus. The route would pick up students who live in apartments off campus and bring them to several stops on campus. City officials plan to have the route by 2010, she said. Other shuttle service expansions include adding two stops to the inner loop, or red line, and making all the red and white outer loop shuttles run every ten minutes, Massey said. Last year, the shuttles ran at different intervals, rather than the uniform schedule used this semester. Reach Christina Howerton at news@chherald.com.

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RAMADAN

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I’m going to have a degree and be somebody important.” Alkhodiry said he communicates with his parents at least once a week. The nightly feast is different at Western because when he was at home, Iftar was always prepared by women, he said. Preparing a nightly feast isn’t the only challenge posed to young Muslims in the United States. Alkhodiry said he has never been publicly harassed at Western, but he sometimes feels unwelcome because of his faith. “Sometimes you can feel like you are strange, or some people call you the enemy of their religion,” Alkhodiry said. “There’s a lot of ignorance.” Alkhodiry said he gets frustrated when people seem to judge him or treat him negatively because of his religion, but it’s forbidden to act in anger during Ramadan. He said he enjoys learning to respond peacefully to situations. Alkhodiry said he feels good when he practices patience in the face of others’ anger. Alkhodiry said living in a small town contributes to people’s intolerance. He said he is frequently asked, “Have you found Jesus?” Alkhodiry said a common way for his Muslim friends to

respond to this question is with a humorous quip, such as, “No, but I’ll help you look for him.” Robin Borczon, director of international services, said one challenge for Muslim students is the general public’s lack of knowledge about the religion of Islam. “One of the hardest parts is the ignorance,” Borczon said. “Many people don’t know anything about Ramadan and it must be difficult for those students.” In Islamic countries, many schools finish their days early during Ramadan, but in the United States, Muslims must find ways to structure their days around religious observance, Alkhodiry said. “I sleep very early,” he said, “so I can get up a few minutes before sunrise and eat something, so I don’t feel hungry during the day,” Alkhodiry said. Abstaining from food and drink during the day is difficult for the first week, but it becomes routine, he said. Soleiman Kiasatpour, assistant political science professor, said it’s difficult for students who are fasting to see people eating and drinking, but the challenge can make fasting more meaningful. “There’s a benefit to doing it with friends,” Kiasatpour said. “It makes it more difficult when students are fasting in a non-Muslim community.” Abdulghani Alzubairi lives in Bowling Green and is from

Dubai, United Arab Emerits. He’s a practicing Muslim who says he believes the American government structure is intolerant to those who practice Islam. Alzubairi said he has had trouble at his workplace because his holy day is on Friday, while most of his co-workers observe a holy day on Sunday. Alzubairi said his manager told him he could have Sunday off, but he had to work on Fridays. Alzubairi said he told his manager that he didn’t care about penalties at work because his faith was more important. Fasting is also difficult for Alzubairi. “For those who work hard jobs, it’s difficult to not eat from 7:30 in the morning to 5:30 at night,” he said. Alzubairi said he fasts anyway because he’ll be rewarded by God. Alzubairi said it is also against his religion to pay taxes. “There are no taxes in Muslim countries,” he said. “We give zakar, gold money, to the poor, and nobody says ‘You have to do this.’ We do it by ourselves.” Alzubairi said despite the difficulties, his religion brings him joy. “This is the holy month for Muslims all over the world,” he said. “We wait for this month. We make fresh food, and give to the poor.” Reach Christina Allen at news@chherald.com.

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Ryan Tyler Franklin
sophomore

"To be honest, I'd rather the money went to something else. It's not that art's not important, it's just a cost/benefit thing."



Kris Baete
Louisville junior

"I like wall murals. I think that they convey more of a message than statues because they can tell a story."



Tiffany Brittle
Louisville junior

"A mural. It's different than a statue. It's more fun than a statue."



Jonathan Summers
Louisville sophomore

"I guess sculptures. I like seeing sculptures."



Ashley Marr
Bowling Green senior

"I think I would get statues. They kind of like freeze time."



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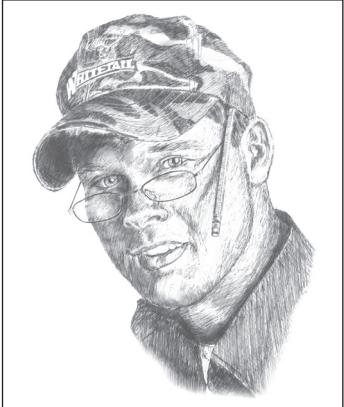
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OPINION

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COMMENTARY

Frozen fallacies of life



WES NOLEN
Herald editor in chief

I'm against the microwave, TV dinners and organic cage-free chicken eggs. I've been this way for sometime, but it wasn't until Friday that I went on strike. Like many Western students, I'm on the meal plan. I get 10 meals per week and I try to make sure I use them all whether I'm hungry or not. But my habitual breakfast stop at Garrett came to a screeching halt Friday, leaving me with a bad taste in my mouth – polecat and gravy.

Things have changed a lot since 2005. No longer can you get the most for your money – bacon, eggs and a couple of hash browns with a biscuit on the side. I realized the hard way that there are only two choices for everyday Garrett breakfast eaters: a breakfast sandwich and a 20-ounce drink, or a biscuit and gravy with a drink.

I usually get the sandwich, but for once I thought I'd give the latter a try. Little did I know that the gravy was water and had no sausage amongst the many hydrogen and oxygen compounds. In my moment of stupidity I thought a piece of sausage would come with the meal. I mean, at DUC, it's all-you-can-eat for the same price. However, when I checked out I was shocked. Not only did the soybean sausage patty cost me extra, but the second biscuit the kind lady threw on my plate without me asking was extra, too. The total damage rang up to a wasted meal plan and \$1.83. I lashed out in anger against the scam, but realized it wasn't the workers' fault; it was society. I wasn't against these individuals, but rather the soggy frozen biscuit and the generic sausage.

For some 10 minutes, I chewed and I stewed over the fraudulence I had just been subjected to. I was shafted, taken to

the cleaner and quite frankly just screwed, like a carnie taking a twenty dollar bill from a 6-year-old. I threw away my plate only half consumed and resolved to take a stand against this mediocrity in the kitchen. I grabbed my keys, removed my hind end from my chair and marched myself three-quarter trot to Wal-Mart. I blew past the greeter, grabbed my buggy and began to weave through the passing people and piles of pumpkins.

I passed the aisle of frozen hamburgers, hotdogs, desserts and breads. Gaining velocity as I put one cowboy boot on the back of my buggy and one to the floor, I powered forward like an extreme skateboarder on ESPN2. I bypassed the cage-free chicken eggs and grabbed a cheap carton of 18 – Rosefarm for \$1.89. Without missing a stride I strolled upon the cartons of dairy products, and rested my eyes upon a half-gallon of cultured buttermilk. Gaining momentum, I wheeled amongst the mass bins of carnage. I needed some real pork – country ham. Straight from a hog rump, cured to perfection and slowly aged in a domestic cloth sack from the poplar timbers of a smokehouse in Paris, Tenn. But though I reached my destination, I had still not won the fight against the frozen biscuit.

I was not discouraged. Rather I shimmied home and grabbed my seasoned Griswold cast iron skillet. I lubed it with bacon grease and folded my biscuit dough. I slung a big hunk of Crisco in it, pre-heated the oven to 350 degrees and cut my biscuits with a Mason jar. Twenty-five minutes later, I bit into a warm puffy cloud of flour and buttermilk, rolling the baked perfection around in my mouth while the flavor molested my taste buds – that was satisfaction, my friends.

So today I encourage people of the male persuasion to let your mothers and girlfriends rest. Pick up your skillet and join me in this campaign in open defiance against the fast food shortcuts and microwave food phonies. Lean upon the guidance of a cookbook if you must. But fight, cook and never neglect our friends – calories.

The opinions expressed in this commentary do not reflect those of the Herald or the university.



ANNIE ERSKINE/HERALD

STAFF EDITORIAL

Spread the word for better turnout

Charity events could raise more money if they were promoted like some other events

When we look back at the Festival of Heroes we cannot help but wonder why such a small number of people showed up to support the fight against cancer. This is especially confusing considering that the Greek organizations have had such success with this particular cause.

Last year, Greek organizations raised \$106,000 for St. Jude Children's Hospital by writing letters to friends and family during Up 'til Dawn. Sigma Chi's Battle of the Greeks raised \$9,000 for Huntsman Cancer Research, and Alpha Delta Pi raised \$3,000 for the Ronald McDonald House during Sink or Swim.

The Greeks have shown us that Western cares about charitable causes. They have also given us a model for how to adequately promote such an event—by pamphleting, posting, advertising and word of mouth.

Tomorrow, the Campus Activities Board will have an executive meeting at which

members will review money and attendance figures for the Festival of the Heroes. We suspect that the funds raised for St. Jude will be substantially lower than they could have been had the event been properly promoted.

We know CAB can do this because they have done it before. In 2005, Willie Nelson performed in front of a packed Diddle Arena. This kind of attendance was also seen last year when Dierks Bentley came to Western. Word of the concert was mostly spread at least a month in advance. Likewise, Charlie Daniels is coming to Diddle Nov. 8, and already Hilltoppers are talking.

We applaud Western for drawing big names. We doubly applaud Western for supporting charity. Let's hope that in the future we can merge the success of the big names with supporting the needs of charities.

This editorial represents the majority opinion of the Herald's 11-member editorial board.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Abstract art can be a practical learning tool, too

Thursday's Opinion page, "More computers, less art" expressed the sentiments of the Herald's editorial staff. By a majority they questioned the cost of placing public art works on campus when so many practical purposes could be addressed with the same funds.

It is an argument for practical tools that increase learning. Who would oppose such a request? Certainly not me. But perhaps a broader view of what has been installed on campus might be useful.

The editorial's complaint is leveled at two recent abstract sculptures that I've personally nicknamed "Bottle Opener" and "Can Opener." Yes I've heard the

other names and you can go there if you are so inclined (please see the article's accompanying editorial cartoon). My nicknames don't reflect a disparaging opinion of the sculptures. I like both and believe they are well-composed modern works.

What I find telling is the lack of criticism in the article for the Cherry, Guthrie, Diddle, and Striding Girl bronze works on campus. I assume their omission has to do with most viewers' affection for realistic depictions. The discomfort most viewers have with abstraction is that they can't compare it directly to specific things or familiar stories.

The same "realism" measuring stick is held to all visual art works, and it shouldn't be so. It would be the same

to ask an experienced drummer to make sounds that duplicate the human voice or any other familiar sound of nature, and then criticize the musician's talent if they produced only the thumping sounds that a drum produces. It isn't really much of a stretch to offer the same leniency to the visual arts.

Personally, I appreciate the sculptures on campus for their inherent beauty and the play of light and shadow across their surfaces. I use the sculptures as practical tools of instruction to talk about modeling, welding, foundry casting and about the patience and commitment it takes to do these things well when sour culture seems to have no use for extended concentration, and working up a sweat for something you feel is important to "say."

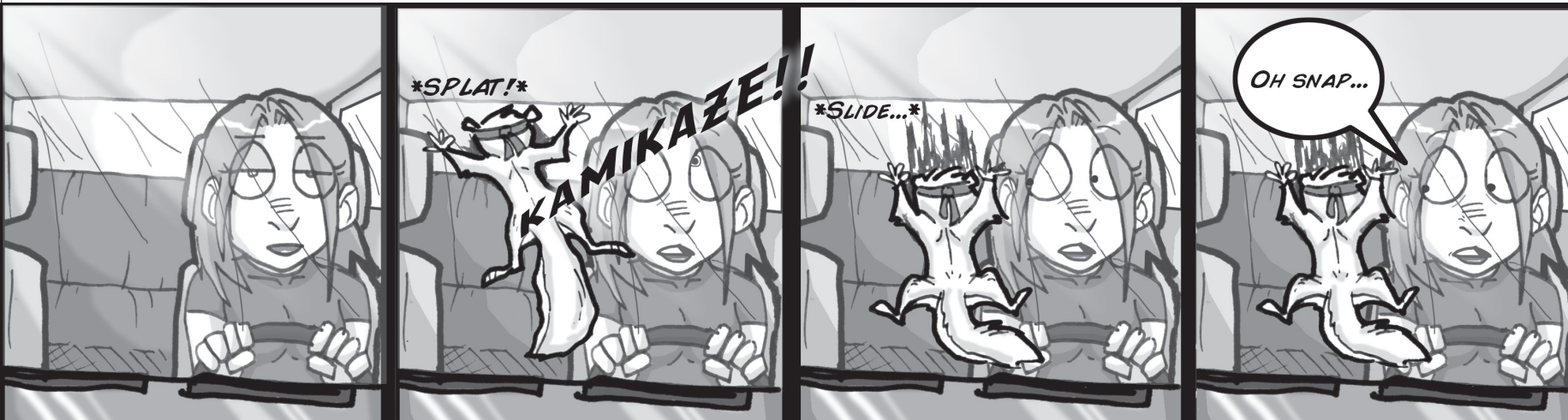
Art plays many roles. It can comfort us, challenge our familiar patterns of thinking and reflect back to us our strengths and frailties. These life lessons have practical applications in all paths of life, all types of vocations, just maybe not at this moment. Sometimes it takes time to absorb an art experience.

And as for costs, these works of art, if maintained and cherished by the university's community, will offer lessons to generations of students, faculty and visitors. They are a bargain compared to the hundreds of computers across campus that will be discarded for updated version in the next few years.

Brent Oglesbee
Interim Head, Art Department

Annie's
OUTLOOK

A cartoon strip by Annie Erskine



WEIGHT

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“If you want to change you have to work for it,” she said. “You have to take little steps because it’s not gonna happen overnight.”

The size 22 jeans she wears are fitting looser, and she believes she has lost at least five pounds and dropped a size in clothes.

Pinkston isn’t a slave to the scale though.

She said she stays away from the scale because she knows she has lost weight after going from a double extra large to an extra large in T-shirts.

More than clothes seem to fit Pinkston better now.

One day in Spanish class, the desk seemed really huge and not as confining as before, she said.

She knew the desk size has stayed the same, and attributed the more comfortable fit to her weight loss.

Pinkston is not the only obese student making healthier lifestyle changes.

Bowling Green junior Brad Henning has struggled with weight since he was 8.

Henning grew up with an obese mother, grandmother and aunt. He weighs 290 pounds and is 5 feet 9 inches tall.

Henning said he has kept his weight steady since he came to Western.

Stress holds him back when it comes to weightloss, Henning said. He said his weight fluctuates five to 10 pounds when he’s stressed,

He tries to eat healthier by eating pasta with lots of vegetables or vegetarian foods like the Boca Burger served at Grill Works.

Henning admits he finds it difficult trying to live a healthy lifestyle.

“They lower the prices on unhealthy foods and raise the prices on the healthy foods,” he said. “And I haven’t eaten meat on campus in about a year. It’s really disgusting up here.”

He also struggles to make

wise choices when eating off campus.

“The portions are big and you feel obligated to finish it so you aren’t wasting any food,” he said.

Kathryn Steward, health education coordinator at Western, recommends students read “The Dorm Room Diet” by Daphne Oz if they want to lose weight while on the Hill.

Oz struggled with weight for years. Her father is Dr. Mehmet Oz, who has been on “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” Steward said.

According to www.dormroomdiet.com, Oz was able to lose 10 pounds her freshman year and maintain a healthy weight during college with the eight-step program she outlined in her book.

James Hill, an expert on obesity from the University of Colorado came to Western on Sept. 11 to speak about the obesity epidemic in America.

Hill stressed that walking around campus is an essential element in helping college students lose weight while at school.

Besides healthier eating habits and walking around campus, Hill also recommends that students eat breakfast.

He said people who eat breakfast tend to lose weight easier and be successful in maintaining their weight loss.

The Preston Center offers several programs that can help students lose weight.

There will be another similar program offered in the spring, said Laura Hall, Preston fitness coordinator.

Hall said Preston can be a tremendous asset to students who want to get fit. She also works as a personal trainer and said personal training could be beneficial to someone who is obese.

At the Health and Fitness Lab, students can have their body fat percentage calculated to within 5 percent using the caliper test, Hall said.

Knowing a person’s body fat percentage will give trainers in Preston an idea for an individual workout plan for

the person.

“They would be more apt to come and work out,” Hall said. “With guidance of a personal trainer and learning to do the exercises the right way, someone who is obese would find the one-on-one atmosphere helpful.”

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2006 Weight Statistics for ages 18 to 24

58.4 percent neither overweight nor obese

26.9 percent are overweight

15.6 percent are obese

The highest age group for obesity is 55 to 64.

African Americans have the highest obesity rate at 36.7 percent. Multiracial is second at 27 percent. Hispanic is third at 25.5 percent. White is fourth with 24.2 percent, and other is last at 18.7 percent.

Males have a slightly higher obesity rate in the United States. Males have an obesity rate of about 25.5 percent and females have a rate of about 24.5 percent.

— Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Centers for Disease Control

NEWS BRIEFS

Cotton airs its dirty laundry on South Lawn

It’s not unusual to see tents on DUC South Lawn. Unless there are also three washing machines set up there.

That’s exactly what was on display yesterday, when Cotton’s Dirty Laundry Tour stopped on campus.

The event focused on promoting cotton as a natural, renewable and recyclable resource, according to www.accesscotton.com.

A denim drive travelled with the tour, and collected old denim to be made into natural fiber insulation used for homes and buildings. Students can continue donating denim every Monday through November in DUC.

Featured activities were custom t-shirt designs, wheel of cotton game (modeled after wheel of fortune only with questions about cotton), a matching game to pair up types of cotton, and a

label flying game.

The washing machines were set up as part of another game that involved throwing plastic balls into them. They had to be “sorted” into the right washing machine.

Anyone who mastered the games won an iPod.

Western was the second stop for the tour’s 11 campus visits this fall.

— Laurel Wilson

World premiere comes to Gordon Wilson

The theatre and dance department will present “Cairo Stories” Thursday through Oct. 2. The curtain goes up at 8 each night, except for the Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

The production will take place in Gordon Wilson Lab Theatre. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

“Cairo Stories” is a trilogy of short, one-act plays by Tom Coash, an award winning American playwright.

The three plays are called “Khalass!”, “Ukimwi” and “Veils.” The production of “Veils” will be the world premiere of that play.

The setting of each play is Cairo, Egypt, and the plays focus on characters struggling to make personal, intercultural connections. Coash’s work was featured on campus in fall 2002 with his play “Cry Havoc.”

Post-production talk-back sessions with the playwright will take place Thursday through Saturday. A post talk-back reception will take place Saturday.

For additional information about “Cairo Stories,” visit the “in production” page of the theatre department Web site. For reservations, call 745-3121.

— Chris Byrne



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BOWLING GREEN

Prospective student arrested after non-life-threatening auto accident

CHRISTINA HOWERTON
Herald reporter

Phillip “Grant” Kendrick of Clarksville, Tenn., said he was driving on campus, looking for a building, when the car in front of him stopped suddenly.

Kendrick said he had come to Western on Thursday to enroll, and he didn’t see the other car stop.

The driver, Angela Price of Bowling Green, was taken to The Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries, said

Barry Pruitt, public information officer for city police.

Kendrick was arrested on charges of driving on a suspended learner’s permit, Pruitt said

He was released from Warren County Regional Jail the same day as his arrest on an unsecured bond.

Bowling Green City Police responded to the accident at 1566 Normal St. at about 2 p.m.

City Police Officer Lisa Brown arrested Kendrick following the crash.

Brown said the wreck was a typical accident.

Price was no longer at the Medical Center as of yesterday afternoon, and there was no information available about her past status.

The other passengers in Price’s car declined to comment.

Chris Byrne contributed to this article.

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PLUS/MINUS

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Johnathon Boles, Student Government Association executive vice president, said he’s

opposed to plus/minus grading.

“I had students come and tell me that they were opposed to plus/minus,” Boles said. “I can’t see it as a positive. It hurts students more than it helps them.”

Boles said Western is already a renowned university and the policy won’t improve Western’s

academic quality.

University Senate Chairwoman Julie Shadoan said earlier in the year that University Senate might revisit the policy.

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HISTORY OF PLUS/MINUS 2003-PRESENT

Sept. 18, 2003 — Assistant Economics Professor Brian Strow recommended plus/minus to University Senate.

Sept. 23, 2003 — The Student Government Association expressed concern over plus/minus at its weekly meeting.

Oct. 9, 2003 — SGA hosted a forum for students to discuss the proposal.

Oct. 14, 2003 — SGA unanimously passed legislation objecting to the grading system.

Oct. 16, 2003 — Strow made his proposal official to the Senate.

Nov. 20, 2003 — University Senate postponed a vote on plus/

minus and sent the issue to an ad hoc committee on academic quality. Students protested the grading system.

March 2, 2004 — The committee on academic quality recommended collecting data on the grading system for two years to study its effects on students.

March 18, 2004 — The Senate approved 26-20 putting pluses and minuses on transcripts without affecting grade point averages.

August 2004 — Provost Barbara Burch postponed implementation of plus/minus because she had concerns about it.

Oct. 21, 2004 — The Senate approved putting pluses and

minuses on TopNet, but not on transcripts during a two-year pilot program.

Feb. 15 — The Senate approved a second reading of a resolution to implement plus/minus in fall 2008 after hearing the results of the study conducted by the Committee on Academic Quality.

March 22 — The Senate voted 36-23 to implement plus/minus.

April 19 — Burch announced to the Senate that she wouldn’t implement plus/minus.

Sept. 20 — The Senate approved a resolution referring consideration of plus/minus to the Committee on Academic Quality.

CAMPUS LIFE



(Above) **Matt Vaughan, a freshman broadcasting major from Mexico, Mo.,** is responsible for starting Western’s chapter of Americans for an Informed Democracy. “I want to do something on a global scale,” he said.

Students form chapter of global awareness group

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

Matt Vaughan, a freshman from Mexico, Mo., said he has more responsibilities than voting and abiding by laws.

“I believe that as a citizen of the richest and most powerful nation, I have a great responsibility to look after the world and the people in it,” Vaughan said.

Vaughan was interested in the ONE campaign, an effort to rally Americans to respond to problems such as poverty and hunger, when he came to Western. Then he and some friends discovered Americans for an Informed Democracy, a nonpartisan national effort that addresses global issues.

“We were talking about starting our own organization, and we found AID,” Vaughan said.

The group had its first meeting last Wednesday in the Minton Hall lobby.

The next meeting is 9 p.m. Wednesday in the Minton Hall lobby.

Vaughan, Louisville freshman Joey Coe, Bardstown freshman Lindsey Filiatreau, Morganfield freshman Charlie Harris, and Glasgow freshman Chelsea Boston decided to start an AID chapter at Western.

“Matt told us about it when we were having a political debate at 4 in the morning,” Filiatreau said. “We were talking about all the things that were wrong and the injustices people see and how no one does anything. We wanted to

reach out instead of just saying something needs to change.”

AID founder Seth Green created the organization after traveling abroad soon after the Sept. 11 attacks.

“People around the world were sharing our grief, and it was really heartening,” Green said. “In the U.S., there was often a sense of us versus the world.”

The organization exists to bring understanding about the world to Americans, Green said. AID also showcases opportunities to address global challenges.

AID works through universities, said Autumn Barr-Engstrom, AID director of campus programming. Undergraduates count for about 90 percent of members, but there’s an increasing number of young professionals and high school students.

“Being a part of AID is me trying to fulfill my responsibility as a citizen of the U.S., and we could be part of a national organization,” Vaughan said.

The chapter is in its planning stages, he said. There’s no sponsor, and they’re working on event details.

Vaughan, Coe, Boston, Filiatreau and Harris created a five-person steering committee to guide the chapter while the structure is still uncertain.

The group wants to bring organizations that are working for the same goals together, Vaughan said.

“We can accomplish so much by ourselves, but when we all come together, we’re unstoppable and can create real change,” he said.

Steering committee members are working on event ideas. They want to participate in “Stand Up Speak Up,” a global event by the United Nations Millennium Campaign to raise awareness about poverty and hunger.

It’s also an attempt to get citizens of various countries to get their governments to end poverty, Vaughan said.

The national chapter of AID provides resources to campus chapters, including event ideas and help getting speakers, producing film screenings and running campaigns, Barr-Engstrom said.

Filiatreau said many events are designed to raise awareness about problems, but the group wants to do more than that.

“We want to feel like we’ve contributed to a cause,” she said. “An example is raising money for something like Invisible Children.”

Vaughan said the group aims to break the barrier of awareness and pursue making a difference.

“We may not be able to get everybody, but if we can get one person to completely change their life, then we’ll know we’re a success,” Vaughan said.

College students have an obligation to be involved in global problems, Vaughan said.

“We are all going to be tomorrow’s future leaders,” he said. “We want to try to get the message to as many people as possible.”

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ADMINISTRATION

Western plans ombudsman job to aid conflict resolution


CHRISTINA ALLEN
Herald reporter

Western plans to appoint an ombudsman by next spring. An ombudsman would serve as a counselor for faculty who have a conflict or grievance with their co-workers, according to the job description. The ombudsman would not actively mediate situations, but would serve as an objective counselor and would help both parties come to an appropriate solution for their problems, said President Gary Ransdell. The role of the ombudsman doesn't replace the formal grievance process, he said. Faculty may begin making nominations in mid-October. Ransdell said he's look-

ing for someone who knows the campus well, is objective, shows empathy, has no agenda, listens and can offer counsel without mediating. An ombudsman must be able to be trusted with confidential information, he said. "It's going to go one of two ways, Ransdell said. "Either they'll be completely overwhelmed, or they'll be underwhelmed. We'll try it for a semester and see how it goes." Staff Council Chairwoman Angela Robertson said the staff council has discussed the possibility of appointing an ombudsman for quite a while. "A lot of statements come through the staff council that the council cannot address because

the council deals with staff policy and procedure," Robertson said. Robertson said the ombudsman would be used in instances when the formal grievance process wouldn't work. The position will be hard to fill because the ombudsman will perform his new role in addition to his other position at Western, she said. Robertson said the University Senate is working with The Student Government Association, and has started discussion with Johnathon Boles, SGA executive vice president, about providing students with their own ombudsman.

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CAMPUS GOVERNMENT

Not everyone wins in SGA fall senate election

MICHELLE DAY
Herald reporter

Students cast their ballots, and not everyone got into the Student Government Association this fall. Senators say that's good. SGA hopes for more contested elections in the future, said Johnathon Boles, SGA executive vice president. "When elections are contested, people get fired up about the candidates and vote more," Boles said. "It also makes the candidates work harder to get the seat. The position is more valued." "Hopefully we'll be able to go to different organizations and let them know the importance of representation," he said. Prospective senators stayed up past midnight Thursday to hear the results of the election. The 20 students with the most votes are the new senators, said SGA President Jeanne Johnson. One graduate student, who was not in the top 20, filled one of the two extra seats left available for graduate student representation, Johnson said. One group of 10 students from Minton Hall decided to run as a group. They were all elected. They mostly knew each other from this semester's Honors College retreat, said

Elizabethtown freshman Blaine Routt, one of the group. "We had a meeting and decided we thought we could get more votes if we ran together," he said. Running as a group allowed every member to get votes from people who may only know a couple people in the group, he said. Overall, the election ran smoothly, even though the voter turnout wasn't as high as SGA wanted, Johnson said. About 472 people voted, Boles said. SGA wants more students to be involved and actively vote. The new senators will be sworn in at 5 p.m. today at the SGA meeting in Downing University Center, Room 305. Responsibilities of senators include attending meetings and informing the senate about problems on campus, Boles said. The senators will also go through training this weekend at SGA's fall retreat at Lake Cumberland, Boles said. Senators will learn about governmental procedures and their role as SGA "student advocates," Boles said. The retreat will also serve as a networking opportunity between old and new senators, Boles said.

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Election results

► Students elected:

Kevin Smiley - 298 votes
Drew Eclöv - 265
Matt Vaughan - 252
Blaine Routt - 251
Charlie Harris - 248
Zachary Rockrohr - 241
Joey Coe - 239
Brandon Logan - 239
Stuart Kenderes - 231
Bradley Venable - 226
Julia Bright - 218
Doug Tate - 214
Amanda Webb - 209
Michelle Reynolds - 202
Jessica Van Winkle - 201
Christopher Nation - 181
Jessica Acosta - 170
Jacob Miers - 168
Damian Clark - 166
Brittney-Ann Wick - 166
*Ian Hughes - 152

► Not elected:

Eva Castillo - 161
Dawn Foster - 154
Kristen Lawrence - 154
Kara Williams - 153
Lamiaya Page - 101

*ran unopposed for a graduate student seat

POLICE

Campus theft common, preventable

CHRIS BYRNE
Herald reporter

Students driving down Big Red Way blasting music might as well have flashing billboards advertising their stereo and speakers, said Barry Pruitt, public information officer with the Bowling Green Police Department. Theft from vehicles is the most common crime reported to the Bowling Green police. "College students are a target-rich environment when it comes to theft from vehicles," Pruitt said. A case study done by the Bowling Green police during 2006 revealed vehicle theft trends. The study showed that 44 percent of all victims of vehicle theft are under the age of 20. Pruitt said that reflects the difference between what college students have in their cars versus what older people have in theirs. Of the vehicles broken into, 51 percent showed no visible sign of forced entry. That doesn't necessarily mean that all of the cars were unlocked, but Pruitt said the majority of them probably were. "It's probably one of the easiest crimes to prevent," said Pruitt. "It could be as simple as locking your doors and removing valuables from plain sight." Mike Dowell, public information officer for campus police said it's best to take all valuables inside.

Even the trunk is not really a deterrent anymore because people can get in by hitting the automatic trunk release, he said. Louisville sophomore Brett Harrison had his stereo, baseball glove and baseball shoes stolen from his car on Sept. 5. "I actually think I left one of my doors unlocked," said Harrison. "Since then, I've been telling all my friends to lock their doors." Harrison said he doesn't expect the police to find any leads. "You really almost have to catch somebody in the act," Pruitt said. "It's easy to sell things on the street, in pawn shops or on eBay without being caught." Dowell and Pruitt said theft is usually a crime of opportunity. "Somebody might just be walking down the street," said Pruitt. "Then they see an iPod and act on the spur of the moment." On almost any given day, there will be a theft from a car somewhere in Bowling Green, Pruitt said. Dowell said security cameras in the campus lots have helped to curb some of the theft rates there. He said theft from dorms is common as well. There have been eight thefts from vehicles, four cars damaged with nothing stolen, 10 thefts from dorms and 11 thefts from other areas reported to campus police this year. Dowell said those numbers may not reflect the

Theft statistics

Here are some of the statistics about theft from vehicles from a 2006 study conducted by the Bowling Green Police Department:

- 51 percent of vehicles showed no sign of forced entry.
- 44 percent of all theft victims were under the age of 20.
- 67 percent of thefts occurred between midnight and 6 a.m.
- 17 percent occurred between noon and 6 p.m.
- 8 percent occurred between 6 p.m. and midnight.
- 8 percent occurred between 6 a.m. and noon.
- The primary target for victims under 21 was stereos.

actual number of thefts because many thefts go unreported. "We want to impress on people that it is important to report theft no matter how insignificant it seems," Dowell said. "Even if nothing is stolen or there is no chance of catching the person responsible, thefts should be reported so we know where and when things are happening." Reach Chris Byrne at news@chherald.com.

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Dalby's goals spark winning weekend

CHRIS ACREE
Herald reporter

Senior midfielder Alicia Dalby went from last to first on the stat column in the span of two games this weekend.

Her goal against Morehead State made her the leading goal scorer this season. It also tied her for fourth on the Lady Toppers' career goals list.

Dalby's performance helped the Lady Toppers to a 2-0 victory over the visiting Eagles.

"We are real excited about Alicia's performance," Coach Jason Neidell said. "There's something wrong with the universe if she doesn't get Sun Belt Conference player of the week."

Dalby scored on a free kick in the 12th minute of the first half against the Eagles (1-5). It was her fourth goal of the season.

Freshman forward Amanda Buechel scored the second goal of the game, and her second of the season, early in the second half off an assist from sophomore midfielder Kellie Walker.

Senior goalkeeper Meredith Goodson played all 90 minutes for the Lady Toppers, collecting four saves as the team recorded their second shutout of the season.

"Our defense played awesome today," Goodson said. "This was the most solid the back four has been all season. They had hardly had any break-downs today, which helps make my job a lot easier."

The win improves Western's record to 5-1-1 on the season,

the best start in the program's history.

Last Friday, the Lady Toppers recorded their second victory over an in-state opponent this season with a 6-2 blowout against Eastern Kentucky.

Western defeated Georgetown College 3-0 on Aug. 31.

Dalby got the first hat trick of her career, scoring three goals and adding an assist for the win.

While the previous three games had seen the opponents score first, Western struck first off Dalby's first goal of the season, early in the first half.

Four minutes later, Dalby scored again off an assist from sophomore midfielder Megan Meinke, her fourth of the season.

Walker and sophomore defender Morgan Thomas added goals in the game.

Eight minutes into the second half, Dalby completed her hat trick with a goal off an assist from freshman forward Mallory Outerbridge.

"I think I was kind of in the right place in the right time on some of the goals," Dalby said. "Coach is always talking about concentrating on the last part of the field. I just really focused today and buried my shots."

The loss dropped Eastern to 1-4-2 on the season.

The Lady Toppers begin their Sun Belt Conference schedule at home at 5:30 p.m. Friday against Florida International at the WKU Soccer Complex.

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ALEX SLITZ/HERALD

Senior running back Tyrell Hayden scores a touchdown during the second quarter.

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Wolke said he was really frustrated with his two fumbles.

"But the defense played a great game," he said. "K.J. came in and played a great game."

Black replaced Wolke four minutes into the second half and finished out the game.

"I just know that when I get my chance, I've got to take advantage of it," Black said. "I don't know how long I'm going to be out there."

Black threw 5-of-7 for 74 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 56 yards.

Wolke went 4-of-8 for 38 yards with an interception, rushing for 28 yards.

"(Black) got in there and was the very calm, cool, collected K.J. that we know," Elson said.

Joe Craddock, Blue Raider junior quarterback, sat out the contest because of a back injury.

ry. Freshman Dwight Dasher took the veteran's starting spot and finished the game. Dasher went 14-for-24 for 169 yards.

There were five lead changes throughout the contest, with both teams deadlocked 10-10 at halftime.

Western took their first lead of the game in the second quarter off a nine-yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Tyrell Hayden. The drive began when Western recovered an onside kick.

Hayden rushed for 144 yards with a touchdown.

"This was a full team effort, a full team win," Hayden said.

Elson said one of the team's goals before this season was to make a statement in this transition to the Football Bowl Subdivision level (formally Division I-A) and the Sun Belt Conference.

"We want to make a statement that says 'WKU is coming,'" Elson said. "I think (Thursday was) a good indication of that."

—K.J. Black
Freshman quarterback

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VOLLEYBALL

Lady Tops make sweet music in Alabama

ANDREW ROBINSON
Herald reporter

Senior middle hitter Jenna Gideon said in the Lady Toppers' media guide that her favorite moments with the team are on the bus when they sing at the top of their lungs like a professional choir.

After this weekend, one can only wonder what their rendition of "Sweet Home Alabama" sounds like.

Western swept Troy 3-0 (30-17, 30-25, 30-23) on Friday before traveling to Mobile, Ala. and sweeping South Alabama 3-0 (30-26, 30-17, 30-21) on Saturday.

"When you go on the road and pick up 3-0 victories there has to be a measure of contentment," Coach Travis Hudson said. "But I certainly see things that we have to get better at."

The win over Troy (9-9, 0-2 Sun Belt Conference East) was the 12th straight Sun Belt Conference opener that Western (13-3, 2-0 SBC East) has won.

Orr said their non-conference schedule really prepares the team for their conference schedule.

"When we finally start playing conference we can show people what we're all about," Orr said. "And we can start to turn heads."

The pair of wins this weekend put the Lady Toppers at least 10 wins above the .500 mark at least

one time in each of the past eight seasons. The previous seven have all resulted in 20-plus victory seasons and at least a share of the SBC East Division title.

Argabright led the Lady Toppers against the Jaguars (5-7, 0-2 SBC East) with a match-high 17 kills. Orr had 13 kills as well.

Against the Trojans, Argabright again led the Lady Toppers with 15 kills. Orr and senior middle hitter Jenna Gideon added 10 kills each.

The left-handed Orr has a team-best .405 hitting percentage. She averages 3.33 kills a game and hits .481 for over three matches last week.

"I think I'm just doing my job," Orr said. "I'm playing my heart out every game and what happens statistically is what happens."

Argabright has 211 kills this season. She now has 1,218 career kills and moved past Jessica Willard into ninth place on the Western career list.

The Lady Toppers currently lead the conference with a .290 overall hitting percentage.

Hudson said his biggest area

of emphasis is defense with the team right now.

"We have to continue to pressure teams from a defensive standpoint," Hudson said.

The Lady Toppers held South Alabama to a .144 hitting percentage and held Troy to a .146 hitting percentage, leaving Western ranked fourth in SBC opponent hitting percentage at .145.

Denver leads the category, holding SBC teams to just a .034 hitting percentage.

"Coach Hudson said blocking and defense are what we really need to buy into," Argabright said.

Defensively for the Lady Toppers, junior Kelly Hofmeyer leads the team by 229 digs and averages 4.24 digs per game.

Western returns home to Diddle Arena looking to extend their five-match winning streak and four-match home winning streak.

They host North Texas at 7 p.m. Friday before hosting SBC West Division preseason favorite Denver at 7 p.m. Saturday at Diddle.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Double OTs unkind to Toppers

RYAN CAREY
Herald reporter

Double overtimes may be something the Toppers are getting used to. Western went on a road trip this weekend to Huntington, W.Va., to play in the Marshall Invitational only to return with two losses. On Sunday, the Toppers (1-5-2) dropped a 2-1 double overtime decision to Marshall, the Toppers' fourth double overtime game of the year. "It was an encouraging performance on Sunday," coach David Holmes said. "But you don't get rewarded for effort." Junior midfielder/forward Dustin Downey got his first goal of the season to put the Toppers up early. "It's always exciting to score," Downey said. "It came off of a play that we have been practicing a lot, a throw-in play. So it's good to see the things that we're practicing are getting executed in the game." Western held a 1-0 lead over the

Thundering Herd until the 88th minute. Marshall's Michael Bolt scored his first of two goals on the night. Bolt added the game winner in the second overtime. The Toppers faced High Point in their first match of the tournament on Friday. Western out-shot the Panthers 19-15 but it was not enough, losing 3-1. High Point got an early jump on the Toppers, scoring their first goal 29 seconds into the match. "We gave up an early goal and after that we were fighting uphill the whole night," Holmes said. The Panthers scored their second goal in the 12th minute by way of defender Chris Shrum. He scored another goal late in the game to seal the victory. With only two minutes left, senior defender Chris Davies scored his first goal of the season off of an assist by sophomore forward Andy Masteller, his second of the year. The Toppers have struggled on the

road this season. "The refs and officials in different locations are always gonna be different than at home," Downey said. The Toppers haven't won or tied a road game yet and have been out-scored 8-2 this season. For a team with a lot of young players, playing on the road is something that comes with time, coach Holmes said. "We really played well today and some of the younger guys have to learn that all of the stars don't always align in your favor on the road," Holmes said. The accommodations on the road are not always as comforting as being at home. "Just being away from home and at the hotel room on your day off can make you very restless," sophomore defender Tim Muessig said. "You want to go do something just to give your mind a break. But you're in a place like Huntington, and you don't know what there is to do." The Toppers host Kentucky at 7:30 p.m. on Friday at the WKU Soccer Complex.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

- ◆ The winner of the Fall 2007 Co-Rec softball tournament was Paydirt. They defeated Kappa Alpha/Chi Omega 13-6 in the championship game.
- ◆ Jeremy Charbonneau and Kris Corbit were the winners of the Doubles Horseshoes Tournament.
- ◆ The 2007 Co-Rec Cornhole Tournament winners were Bryan Reaks and Candace Guerrero.
- ◆ Men's, women's and Co-Rec flag football started yesterday.
- ◆ A Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be held Saturday. For more information on sports clubs or intramurals, contact Derek Hottell.

— Kori Farr

- ◆ The women's golf team finished fourth out of 14 teams at the Ray Wright Screaming Eagles Golf Classic after firing a team score of 318 in Monday's final round. Junior Lauren Scholl continued her hot shooting, firing a final round six-over-par 78 to finish in a tie for third place overall with a total score of 155. Emily Wolff, who competed as an individual, also turned in a top-five finish after shooting a final round 79. Her total score of 156 was good

enough to place fifth overall, the best finish of her Western career. The team will be back in action in less than a week, in D.H. Waynesville, NC to participate in the Great Smokies Intercollegiate. ◆ The softball team will host the 2007 Topper Beginners/Advanced Clinic on Saturday Oct. 6, at the WKU Softball Complex. The beginners clinic ranges for girls ages 8 through 13 with registration starting at 8:30 a.m. The camp will last from 9 a.m.-noon. The advanced clinic is for girls 14 through seniors in high school and will have registration at 12:30 p.m. with the camp lasting from 1-4 p.m. ◆ WNKY-TV, South Central Kentucky's NBC and CBS affiliate, announced Yesterday that it has been able to negotiate the rights to televise Western's football game at Bowling Green State on Saturday. The contest begins at 6 p.m. (CDT). This will mark the fifth time WNKY-TV has broadcast a WKU football game, and first since the Hilltoppers visited Auburn in 2005. WNKY-TV will be changing its Saturday programming to broadcast the football game.

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International, 6 p.m. at the
WKU Soccer Complex

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p.m. in Diddle Arena

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Western 20
MTSU 17

Game Stats

Total Yards

WKU: 346 (112 passing,
234 rushing)
MTSU: 288 (169 passing,
119 rushing)

First Downs

WKU: 16
MTSU: 17

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WKU: 2
MTSU: 0

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WKU: 31:15
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yards, 1 TD
MTSU: Dwight Dasher
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Rushing

WKU: Tyrell Hayden
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Senior defensive lineman Erik Walden sacks Western quarterback David Wolke during the third quarter.

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DOWN to the WIRE

Missed Blue Raider field goal seals Topper victory



NATHAN MORGAN/HERALD

Fans and players were anxious off and on throughout the entire game as the score was tied at halftime and the lead went back and forth until the fourth quarter. Western had six fumbles, but managed to lead Middle Tennessee in rushing 234 to 119.



ALEX SLITZ/HERALD
Head coach David Elson celebrates after Western beat Middle Tennessee 20-17.

WILL PERKINS
Herald reporter

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — And so begins a new era in an old rivalry.

Western’s 20-17 victory over Middle Tennessee State on Thursday night was not only the closest game the Toppers have played this season, but also a game with all the makings of a long-term, intra-conference rivalry.

“This is huge for our football team and our program,” junior quarterback David Wolke said.

Western and Middle Tennessee have faced off 58 times with a record of 29-28-1, favoring the Blue Raiders. Before last Thursday, the two teams’ last contest was in October 1991.

The Toppers (3-1) take their three-game winning streak on the road on for a 6 p.m. kickoff Saturday at Bowling Green State (2-1).

While Western’s rivalry with Eastern Kentucky will become stagnant after next year, their annual contest against future Sun Belt Conference rival Middle Tennessee (0-4) could replace the “Battle of the Bluegrass.”

“This is our new rival, so we knew we had to make a statement,” redshirt freshman quarterback K.J. Black said.

Blue Raider fans wasted no time in loathing Western football.

“This is a great rivalry,” senior kicker Chris James said. “Fans here don’t like us already, and this is our first year playing them in a long time.”

Western was not flawless in its victory over Middle Tennessee. The Toppers fumbled the ball six times.

“It was amazing that we were able to find a way to win this football game and put the ball on the ground like we did,” head coach David Elson said.

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